

Society

FOR THE
NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Foundation to Honor Ken Burns at Fall Gala

Ken Burns, the award-winning filmmaker whose documentaries *The Civil War*, *Baseball*, and *Jazz* have broken new ground in historical moviemaking, will receive the seventh annual Records of Achievement Award at the Foundation's annual Gala on November 9.

Burns, a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors as well as a Society member, joins Tom Brokaw, John Hope Franklin, Annette Gordon-Reed, Brian Lamb, David McCullough, and James McPherson in earning the Foundation's highest honor, which recognizes an individual who has played a major role in increasing the public's understanding of the National Archives, our nation, and its history.

"Ken Burns is one of the greatest documentarians of all time," said Foundation Chairman and President Ken Lore. "With his expert use of primary source materials and his tireless efforts to tell the human stories beyond the headlines, Ken embodies the spirit of the Records of Achievement Award." Burns's selection for the award comes as the National Archives Experience and the Foundation open "Discovering the Civil War," a major



traveling exhibition that will kick off Washington, D.C.'s commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the war. This year's Gala will coincide with the November opening of the second part of the two-phase exhibition, which will feature an exclusive three-day viewing of the fragile and rarely displayed original Emancipation Proclamation.

Burns, one of the nation's best-known historians, was a natural choice for the award because he not only has contributed to the public's awareness of its collected history, but also has made significant use of the National *continued on page 3*

SAVE THE DATE!

Promise of America Breakfast and Celebration

WHEN: Sunday, July 4

WHERE: National Archives Building,
Washington, DC

Book signing and reception with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer

WHEN: Monday, September 13

WHERE: National Archives Building,
Washington, DC

Foundation for the National Archives Annual Gala and Records of Achievement Award Ceremony

WHEN: Tuesday, November 9

WHERE: National Archives Building,
Washington, DC

Exhibit opening: "Discovering the Civil War – Consequences" (Part 2 of the exhibition)

WHEN: Wednesday, November 10

WHERE: Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery

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questions or to RSVP to an event.*

Society Members Treated to Civil War Exhibit Preview and Dinner

Members of the Society were invited to a special event this winter to preview the 150th anniversary exhibition "Discovering the Civil War" months before its April 30, 2010, opening in the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery at the National Archives.

The event on December 7, 2009, gave Society members a chance to welcome new Archivist of the United States, David S. Ferriero, during a cocktail reception in the Archivist's Reception Room and an elegant seated dinner in the Rotunda Galleries. The evening also included an opportunity to view the Charters of Freedom in the Rotunda and an exclusive tour of the National Archives Treasure Vaults. In addition, several Board and Society members participated in the "Discovering the Civil War" preview, standing to read from letters and other documents featured in the exhibit.

Society members also were among the first to view the completed exhibition in the O'Brien Gallery, during a preview and reception on Tuesday, April 27, three

days before the public opening. The exhibit will be shown in two parts this year in Washington before traveling the country as one exhibit.

DISCOVERING THE CIVIL WAR



AMONG THOSE ATTENDING THE PREVIEW OF "DISCOVERING THE CIVIL WAR" WERE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, D-D.C. (TOP). MARY BETH AND DAVID BUSBY PREVIEW DOCUMENTS USED IN THE "DISCOVERING THE CIVIL WAR" EXHIBITION. (ABOVE)



FOUNDATION PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN KEN LORE (TOP RIGHT) AND HIS WIFE PAT ENJOYED THE EVENING WITH SOCIETY AND BOARD MEMBER JERRY FINGER AND GUEST BARBARA RENO (TOP LEFT). SOCIETY AND BOARD MEMBER MARY LYNN KOTZ (ABOVE CENTER) VISITS WITH SOCIETY MEMBER JOHN HILL (ABOVE LEFT) AND ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES DAVID S. FERRIERO (ABOVE RIGHT).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Konzes Provide Generous Gift for 'Discovering the Civil War' Exhibition

Retired Lt. Colonel William Konze and his wife Alice Konze, who joined the Society in 2008, helped kick off a major fundraising drive to support the National Archives Experience's "Discovering the Civil War" exhibition with their recent generous gift.

"Bill and I both love this country so much and we love the National Archives," said Alice Konze. "This seemed a fitting way for us to contribute to a great cause – educating people about the Civil War while also spotlighting the importance of the



BILL AND ALICE KONZE

Archives' work in safeguarding the records of our nation."

"We are so grateful to the Konzes for their continued support of our efforts," said Foundation Board President and Chairman Ken Lore. "Their contribution, as well as those of other Society members and our corporate donors, will help make 'Discovering the Civil War' a must-see exhibition as the National Archives Experience leads the way in Washington's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War."

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Archives' vast holdings in his work. His documentary *The Civil War*, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, has educated millions about a pivotal moment in American history.

Burns has been making films for more than thirty years. Since the Academy Award nominated *Brooklyn Bridge* in 1981, he has gone on to direct and produce some of the most acclaimed historical documentaries ever made, including *Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson*; *Mark Twain*; *Baseball*; *Jazz*; *The War*; and *The Civil War*. *The Civil War* has been honored with more than forty major film and television awards, including two Emmy Awards, two Grammy Awards, Producer of the Year Award from the Producer's Guild, People's Choice Award, Peabody Award, DuPont-Columbia Award, D.W. Griffiths Award, and the \$50,000 Lincoln Prize. In September 2008, Burns was honored by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Burns' films currently in production include an update to his 1994 epic *Baseball*, to be shown on PBS this year, as well as a three-part, six-hour history of Prohibition, tentatively set for PBS broadcast in 2011.

GALA

Guests Enjoy Gala in Rotunda Galleries

The Foundation's 2009 Gala and Records of Achievement Award ceremony brought many Society members and special guests to the National Archives Rotunda. The annual tribute to an individual whose life's work has cultivated a broader national awareness of the history and identity of the United States was awarded to historian and author Annette Gordon-Reed.



SOCIETY MEMBERS KATHERINE NEVILLE AND KARL PRIBRAM



ANNETTE GORDON-REED



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SOCIETY AND BOARD MEMBER A'LELIA BUNDLES WITH FRED COOKE

Welcome Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero

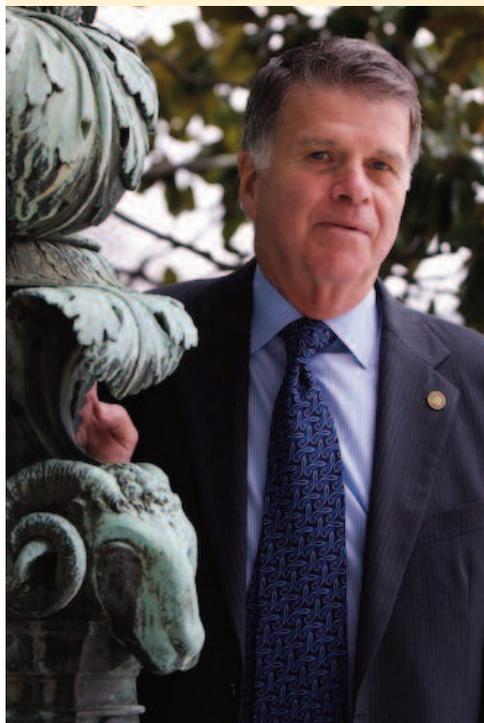
Society members were among the first to welcome David S. Ferriero as the 10th Archivist of the United States during his ceremonial swearing-in and reception at the National Archives on January 13, 2010.

Guests gathered in the Archives' Rotunda Galleries for the afternoon ceremony, presided over by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, then mingled with the Archivist during a reception near the displays for the Charters of Freedom. Society members also enjoyed the opportunity to view the "Public Vaults" permanent exhibition at the National Archives Experience, as well as the nearby display of *Magna Carta* and a special showing of the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation during the reception.

Before being appointed by President Barack Obama last year, Ferriero served as the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the New York Public Libraries. He was

part of the leadership team responsible for integrating the four research libraries and 87 branch libraries into one seamless service for users, creating the largest public library system in the United States and one of the largest research libraries in the world.

During a speech following his swearing-in, the Archivist thanked members of the Foundation for the National Archives, including past President Tom Wheeler and current President Ken Lore. "The Foundation is critical to our ability to carry out our mission," Ferriero said. "The generosity of Board members and those who support the Foundation ... has made it possible for us to create the National Archives Experience, the online *Digital Vaults*, the Boeing Learning Center, the McGowan Theater, the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery, and to support many of the services that we provide our users."



ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES DAVID S. FERRIERO STANDS NEXT TO A RAM SCULPTURE OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES BUILDING. THE RAM SIGNIFIES PARCHMENT, THE ANIMAL SKIN UPON WHICH MANY RECORDS IN THE ARCHIVES ARE WRITTEN.

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